

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the present application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

A. Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment

The amendment filed on August 28, 2007 was considered non-compliant because the Abstract was substantially rewritten with markings, rather than presenting a clean Abstract.

The Examiner required cancellation of the current Abstract, and addition of a new Abstract in clean text. Attached is a new Abstract in clean text.

B. Fees

The one-month period to reply to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment expired on September 30, 2007. However, since September 30, 2007 was a Sunday, the one-month period is extended until Monday, October 1, 2007. This amendment is therefore being filed within one-month from the mailing date of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment.

No fee is believed to be due. If, on the other hand, it is determined that fees are due or any overpayment has been made, the Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit or credit such sum to Deposit Account No. 02-2275. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)(3), please treat this and any concurrent or future reply in this application that requires a petition for an extension of time for its timely submission as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time. The fee associated therewith is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-2275.

C. Conclusion

In view of the actions taken and arguments presented, it is respectfully submitted that each and every one of the matters raised by the Examiner has been addressed by the present

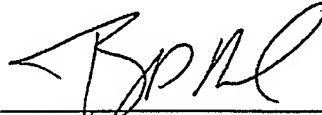
amendment and that the present application is now in condition for allowance.

An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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